



🎄 Give the gift of helping children and young girls in the Pacific this Christmas! 🎁

DECEMBER 2020

**Greetings everyone; Kia ora
koutou; Bonjour à tous; Halo
evriwan; Watewieh yorlye**



Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

*So this is Christmas
And what have you done?
Another year over
And a new one just begun*

The opening verse to John Lennon's, 'War is Over' (1971) - one of the many Christmas songs playing on the airwaves at the moment - resonates at this time.

Many can't wait for this year to be over and start afresh with 2021 and you might think, given the disruptions to normal rhythms and routines this year, not much has been achieved. Yet that is not the case. Looking back over the last five months of the district newsletter there are many examples of changes and progress at both a club and district level. I really encourage you to look back over the previous newsletter editions and see for yourself.

The district conference team is gearing up for our gathering in Paihia next year at the Copthorne Waitangi. An appropriate location, with its own historical significance, to recognise 100 years of Rotary in New Zealand. Our 2021 district conference theme is 'People, Passion, Sustainability – Honouring the Past, Building the Future'. The programme will be a mix of morning conference sessions with afternoons available to 'support local' through recreational activities or Rotary projects. Let's not keep such a wonderful event to ourselves, if you know someone who is interested in Rotary or shares Rotary's values invite them to accompany you. Use the link on the conference photo below to register your interest – this helps the team with initial planning and keeps you updated as we develop the content and logistics.

During your summer break with friends, here's a wee challenge. Whilst you are waiting for the fish to take the bait, gathered around the BBQ, strolling the golf course or enjoying a 'sun over the yardarm' bevy in the campground – include Rotary in your conversation. You could share something you've learnt from a speaker, or a project in which you participated, how the End Polio Now campaign network is helping with fighting COVID or Rotary's Emergency Response Kits sent to the islands after cyclones. I don't always take this opportunity so it will be a good exercise for me too.

As I said in my Governor video message ([D9910 Governor July20 Video Message](#)) I love Christmas. It's a time for gathering, connecting and sharing. Peter and I will spend Christmas with close and extended family and hope to catch up with some neglected friends. We send our best wishes to you all for a festive season of love and warmth, shared with those whom you call whanau.

I hope you all get some 'downtime' over the summer break to refresh and renew for 2021 and will finish as I started with another relevant verse from John Lennon's song.

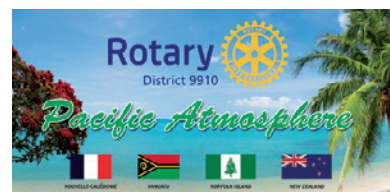
A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

He Kirihirote harikoa
Me te hari nui mo te Tau Hou
Ko te tumanako, he rawe rawa
Ka tu maia tonu tatou

Un très Joyeux Noël
Et une bonne année
Espérons qu'elle est bonne
Sans aucune crainte

Mi wishim yufala one gud "Merri Christmas
Mo one hapi niu yia"
Umi hope se next yia ba I wan yia we I gud mo
We i no mekem yumi frae

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021



Yes - the District Conference is still planned for 2021.
Go to <https://www.rotaryconference9910.org.nz/> to register your interest



Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



24 Nov - Rotary New Lynn Scholarship Night for local schools



28 Nov - judging floats in the Whangarei Santa Parade



2 Dec - Rotary Yachting Fellowship Christmas Dinner



4 Dec - with Rotary Kumeu President, Monique Fredatovich at Kumeu Christmas in the Showgrounds



5 Dec - First Aid Training with the Rotary National Science & Technology Forum senior advisors



5 Dec - Rotary Orewa-Millwater satellite Greek Extravaganza



7 Dec - Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill, Haskell-McKeever awards to local schools



8 Dec - Waitakere Hospital Pond Project opening



10 Dec - Rotary Henderson Christmas dinner theme - "Pink & Festive"



14 Dec - visited the Rotary Albany team creating Christmas boxes for Salvation Army

District Directory

District Directory can be found on the district website at the following link [District 9910 Directory](#)

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COMPUTERS
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Events

Events in the district can be found on the district website at the following link [District 9910 Diary](#)

- clubs who want their events here should send information/ flyers to District Administrator, district9910@gmail.com

District Diary

- 25 December Merry Christmas to you all.
28 December Rotary Waipapa birthday (chartered 1994)
29 December Outbound RYE return - Lucy Brannigan (Orewa)
31 December Council on Legislation enactment submission deadline
5 January Outbound RYE return - Haley Brown (Takapuna)
6 January Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
9 January Outbound RYE return - Saana Ramaekers (Albany)
10 -23 January Rotary National Science & Technology Forum
18 January RozCom meeting
20 January ROZOps Board meeting
23 January Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
Rotary BOI - Beach Dig
25 January Rotary Orewa birthday (chartered 1964)
30 January Rotary BOI - Sandpit Sandcastle competition
1-11 February Virtual International Assembly
3 February Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
6 February Rotary Maungaturoto - Paparoa A&P Show

In Memorium

PDG Ken Winter (Governor 1986-87)



Rotary Mt Roskill
Rotary Auckland East

Ken passed away on 18 December 2020, peacefully at home aged 85 years. Dearly loved husband for 64 years of Bente. Much loved Far and Farfar of Allan and Kerry, Eric and

Christien, John and Anna. Dearly loved Farfar of Jena, Tate, Alena, Jonathan and Marcus.

Ken started Rotary with Rotary Mount Roskill in 1966-67. He was the District Governor of D9910 in 1986-87. In recent years he has been a member of Rotary Auckland East (in D9920), where they celebrated his 50 years Rotary service in 2016-17 and recognised his outstanding service with a Paul Harris Fellow 4th Sapphire Pin.

Ken and Bente have been well known and respected members of the International Yachting Federation of Rotarians (IYFR) for many years. Ken served as the Auckland Fleet Commodore in 1986-87 and Bente in 2003-05. Ken went on to be the International Commodore for IYFR in 2001-03. IYFR members and many from the wider Rotary community have been privileged to enjoy their hospitality on their beautiful launch "Pacific Mermaid".

A service will be held in the All Saints Chapel of Purewa Crematorium, 100 St Johns Road, Meadowbank on Tuesday 22 December 2020 at 2.00pm. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation to the Cancer Society may be left at the chapel.

Communications to Ensom Funeral Services Ltd, 161 Barbarich Drive, Stonefields, Auckland 1072.



Rotary Kumeu Fundraiser

Hi and Merry Christmas to everyone from Rotary Kumeu after a very unusual year.

Though our fundraising efforts have been severely curtailed we did manage to raise funds for 48 food baskets that were distributed to schools in Rotary Kumeu district. The hampers also contained a \$100 meat voucher. This tradition has been going for many years now and the Principals then distribute them to families that are in need. We also give baskets to the local police and Women's refugee.

Last Friday 4th December Rotary Kumeu had their yearly Christmas in the park. Unfortunately due to traffic restrictions/Covid the traditional Santa parade was cancelled and we decided to have an event at the Kumeu show grounds. Local schools, kindergartens and dance groups put on exhibitions on the stage and then Santa arrived by helicopter much to the delight of the crowd.

A huge success and the event was enjoyed by all





PI Tip - Image Tip

Make use of Rotary banners at every event you have and ensure you get photos! See this great photo from the Birkenhead Santa parade:

If you don't have your own Rotary Banners, you can book to borrow the District 9910 Auckland Banners and Northland Banners. If it isn't possible to borrow these banners, contact PI Chair Jenna Tuuta to get an electronic copy so that you can print your own.
<https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/banners-for-auckland-clubs>



Rotary Santo Delivers On Optical Project

Rotary Santo held its most successful fundraiser while distributing 300 spectacles (from the Vanuatu Optical Project) on Friday 11 December.

The Club organised a Grand Raffle with over 20 prizes on offer then hosted a BBQ to draw winners raising around AUD\$10,000. Members of the Vanuatu cricket Association travelled from Port Vila to assist with raffle ticket sales in the lead up to the draw, preparation for the draw and the BBQ.

Funds will benefit Sanma Women's counselling Center to support women and children who suffer from domestic violence; and the Northern Hospital District to support an upgrade of its COVID-19 isolation compound should an outbreak ever occur in Vanuatu.

Through this event, the above organisations raised awareness for their causes and there was free blood sugar and blood pressure tests. Rotary Santo distributed books and an optometric Nurse helped distribute 300 spectacles from the Vanuatu Optical Project.

Grateful thanks again to our project partners SHaRM Foundation, Global Care Vanuatu, Vanuatu's Ministry of Health & Richard Tatwin, RECYCLE for Sight and Port Vila Hardware. As the newsletter was going to print Rotary Santo planned to distribute more glasses and books over two days at the Luganville Christmas Market.



Greek Extravaganza

The Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater www.facebook.com/RotaryOrewaMillwater staged its highly successful 4th annual Greek Extravaganza on Saturday 5th December, at the Orewa Arts & Events Centre. Governor Elaine Mead and partner Peter Garnett attended and, along with 250 guests, enjoyed the authentic Greek food, wines and beers, traditional Greek dancing – and the spectacular floor show by Arabella Bellydance with Tais.

The Greek Extravaganza is the brainchild of Rotarian Theo Simeonidis who, with his wife Cristina, form the musical duo 'Sounds of Greece'. They play and sing original Greek numbers at Greek restaurant venues across Auckland; this year at the Greek Extravaganza being accompanied by two Greek musician friends from Wellington.

Harbour Hospice, who promoted the event through their Facebook and other media outlets, is the single nominated recipient of funds raised each year and 2020 hopes to emulate or better 2019, when over \$23,000 was raised by this spectacular event. Many local businesses and artists donated valuable items for auction and raffle. Rotarian Theo, who expertly manages all aspects of the fundraiser, is delighted by the ongoing success of this annual fundraiser, which was sold out 8 weeks beforehand.

There has been great feedback from many who attended and we are waiting to hear details of the 2021 Greek Extravaganza.

Apart from the images shown here, there is a wide selection to view at [Greek Extravaganza 2020](#) until 31 January 2021.



Foundation Facts

You probably know that with the Annual Fund's "Share" feature, half of your contribution is used by **The Rotary Foundation** to fund programmes like global grants, while the other half comes back to our District after 3 years as District Dedicated Funds (DDF).



In Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and Oceania), for every \$100 contributed (read Centurion Membership) to the Annual Fund, the amount that comes back to our District is actually much higher than \$100.

How does this happen?

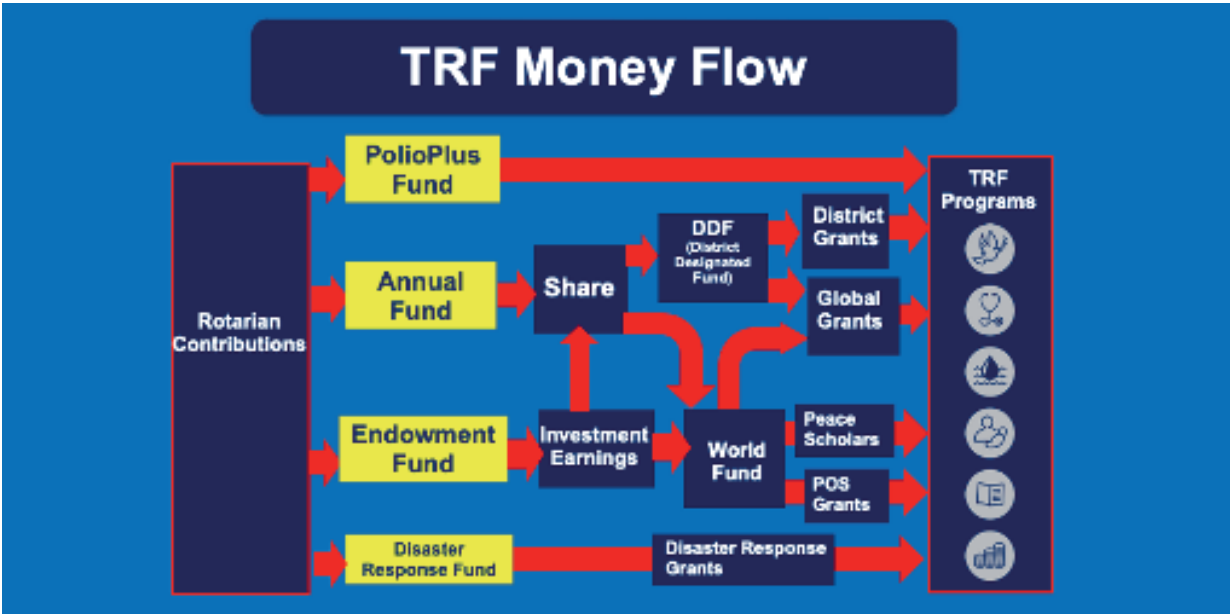
In 2016-17, the Centenary year for **The Rotary Foundation**, Rotarians, Clubs and others in Zone 8 contributed an impressive US\$4.58 Million to the Annual Fund, and this became available to use in 2019-20. However, the total of District and Global Grants in the Zone last year was US\$8.39 Million. So we received back over 80% more than we put in. This is called an "Impact Multiplier" of 1.83.

This happens because:

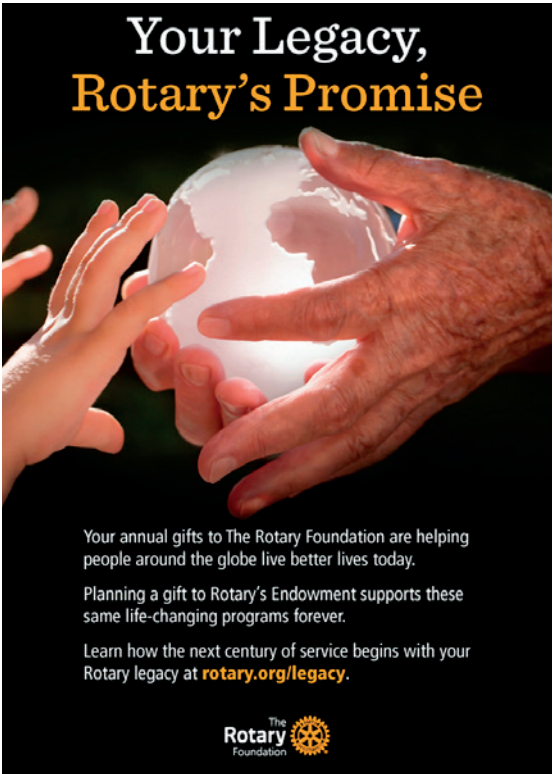
- Rotary Clubs in our part of the World are just out on their own when it comes to devising and delivering high-Impact Projects, and
- It is exactly these sorts of Innovative Projects that **The Rotary Foundation** backs.

It is not just great Stewardship and meeting real Community needs that makes the Foundation an outstanding value proposition.

What other Charity gives back 92% of what you contribute to empower your activities as we all strive to 'make the world a better place'.



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Waitakere Hospital Project

The Rotary clubs of New Lynn and Henderson have been busy changing a wild and woolly pond area at Waitakere Hospital into a beautiful, workable, restful space for patients, visitors and all West Aucklanders to enjoy.

To achieve the finished result, we collaborated/twisted the arms of a landscape designer, many West Auckland businesses and spent 1,000 + volunteer hours. We planted hundreds of trees and plants, moved 150+ cubic metres of mulch and reshaped the land contours. We worked with our members, Rotalifers and Rotary New Lynn. We also were fortunate to do a joint district grant with Rotary New Lynn and were able to buy two beautiful park benches and two industrial rubbish bins to enhance the space.

We tracked our progress via Facebook and raised our Rotary profile. We had a grand opening organised by our partners at Well Foundation and have erected permanent signage – 2.3 metres long advertising that the project was done by New Lynn and Henderson Rotary Clubs. Well Foundation have also advertised our progress through their internal communications to staff.

We are enormously proud of the finished area, and we delighted people were already using the space while we were completing the works.



Rotary East Coast Bays Successful "Drive 4 Life" Fundraiser

Rotary East Coast Bays has once again pulled off a fantastic day with their annual 'Drive 4 Life' Golf Day Fundraiser. Held on October 29th at Waitematā Golf Club, this year marked the 20th anniversary of the event. Committee Organiser Rod Fergusson said, "once again we had a great day supported by many local businesses and we are so proud to again support our local causes".

In addition to supporting the local community, Rotary East Coast Bays once again supported Well Foundation, the official charity for Waitematā DHB, by contributing to their project to provide Sleeping Chairs for the maternity ward at North Shore Hospital.

Research shows that having partners or support people stay overnight in hospital with mums and babies compliments the care of maternity staff and helps to reduce anxiety for new mums, at a time when they may feel stressed and vulnerable. Enabling partners, or a support person, to comfortably sleep overnight on the ward helps to create bonding time for families during this very special time.

While the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 were felt at the event and throughout the planning period, the team were fortunate to be able to safely hold the event outside of Alert Level restrictions. Once again the local community came together and raised in excess of \$39,000, an incredible result!

"Drive 4 Life" was again supported by generous, long standing principle sponsor North Shore Taxis and major sponsor Ryman Healthcare. The club also received support from the Rotary Foundation. Over 30 teams of golfers took to the course on the day to support the cause.

This is the fundraiser the whole of our club membership gets involved in, by assisting in the running of the Golf Tournament.



Rotary Browns Bay Golf Day Fundraiser



When the Rotary Browns Bay Rotarians were challenged by their President to come up with a new fundraiser for their club, one Rotarian didn't have to think long. Long-time Rotarian Colin Southgate, a keen golfer, was confident a golf tournament was a no brainer and would be the way to go. With the

club being a smallish club the idea was met with some apprehension but Colin, being a very determined fellow, managed to warm a few other competitive golfers within the club to the idea and so a sub-committee was formed. Full steam ahead they went and what a great success the end result turned out to be.

On Thursday 19 November the North Shore Golf Club was buzzing with over one hundred people from all over Auckland and beyond, keen to bash the golf balls in support of STARSHIP NATIONAL AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE, the recipient of the funds raised on this day.

The weather gods brought brilliant sunshine, the Browns Bay Rotarian admin team in conjunction with North Shore Golf Club presented great organisation skills, so without any hiccups the competition was underway. <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubBrownsBay/photos/pcb.1439900459545960/1439856216217051/>

The day was enhanced with the presence of the well-known celebrity within the golfing world and famous as Tiger Woods caddie, Steve Williams, who ran a Par 3 donation hole on the day and also presented as the guest speaker at the after-golf dinner.

The organising committee of Colin Southgate, Frank Lewis and Paul Martin were blown away with the end result of the day, which turned out to be the most successful event organised by Rotary Browns Bay to date, with an amount of \$21,000 raised by their club in aid of the STARSHIP NATIONAL AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

It certainly has been a day they are keen to repeat again in the near future!!



Whangarei Christmas Parade

What a year this has been. New Zealand has been very lucky that we were able to celebrate Christmas the way many of us wanted to, with Christmas parades and helping one another.

For many years the Lions club in Whangarei, have run or been running the Christmas parades around the district, however this year things changed, and we all saw the importance of working together for the greater good of the district. With the changing of the health and safety rules, traffic control regulations and costs mounting up, both the Kamo and Onerahi communities decided to band together with some retiring and bringing in 'new blood' to put on a Christmas Parade for the city... in the city (something that hasn't happened for over 30 years).

With the combined help from all of the Rotary and Lions Clubs of Whangarei, a joint taskforce was created to run the event. Everyone was extremely thankful to be involved, including Santa and his elves, for the first Whangarei Christmas Parade on Saturday the 28th of November. With Rotarians from Whangarei South, Whangarei City, Whangarei Sunrise and Whangarei, volunteering as marshals on the day, the Parade weaved its way through the city to end up in the Cameron Street City Centre Mall, where the crowd swelled to over 2000. Some of the children were waiting on the side streets from 9am for Santa, (when he finally emerged at 11:30am), and then were not only greeted by Santa but Brass bands, Fire fighters, Scouts and the Falun Dafa – Tian Guo Marching Band and many more.

Our very own Governor Elaine Mead, together with the Whangarei Mayor and other local identities, had the audacious task of judging the floats and groups that attended. All in all, the crowd was great, the volunteers were awesome, and the parade was a success, with the event continuing till around 2.30pm in the City so people could shop and spread good cheer.

Merry Christmas and THANK YOU to all who were involved.

Sue Hill
Rotary Whangarei South



Orewa Christmas party for children

Every year Rotary Orewa together with our Orewa Millwater satellite Club, puts on a Christmas party for children of foster families. Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren and families from Love Soup and Womans Refuge on the Hibiscus Coast.

This year it was located at the Orewa Sea Scouts den on the beach at the north end of Orewa.

There were 45 children there along with the caregivers and whanau and many Rotarians and friends of Rotary helpers.

The children complete many craft activities including icing cookies and decorating and planting pots and many more, followed by food and outside treasure Hunts.

The day is complete once there has been a visit from Santa.

We thank Bunnings, New World Orewa and our generous sponsors who purchase the wraps and labels for all the gifts. Also thanks to our Rotarians and Friends of Rotary volunteers who without them the party would never be so successful. An amazing day.

Karen Bonnici
President
Rotary Orewa



Good quality projects are the key to keeping your club's members engaged

It's a well-known fact that Rotary Clubs with good quality projects find it much easier to recruit, engage and retain members. New members who are joining are expecting their membership of your club to be the way they can contribute to their local community and there is no better way to achieve that than a good quality, relevant community project.

"Having a Project Pipeline is a great place to start. This is effectively as list of potential projects which have been collated, then investigated in terms of their feasibility, likely resources and costs needed and then ranked. By having a pipeline of projects, it is much easier to move from one project to another without big delays sourcing and planning the next project after the current one has finished.

But many Rotary Clubs find it hard to locate these projects. There are lots of avenues for finding projects – here are some of them:

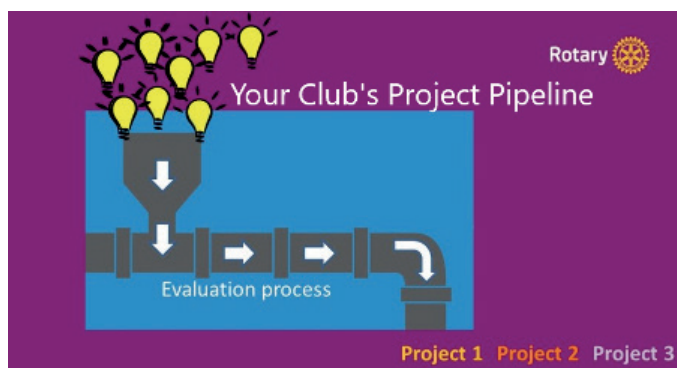
- **Make it a competition** – ask your members to brainstorm and submit lists of potential projects. Each potential project earns an entry into a prize draw. Ask potential members what kinds of projects they'd like to work on.
- **Ask** – Ask community organisations and schools that your club already has association with what potential projects they need help with.
- **Look** – Look for other organisations in your local area which you don't currently have involvement with – research them and ask what projects they need help with. Use the Charities Service website to search for organisations in your area: <https://www.register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/Search>
- **Post** – Post an article and photos onto local Social Media groups on Facebook about your Rotary Club and the kind of projects you've been doing, and what you're looking for in a project. Invite expressions of interests from organisations which have suitable projects. Many locations have multiple Facebook community groups so make sure you find them all.
- **Talk** – Talk to neighbouring Rotary Clubs about what projects they are working on and see if you'd like to partner with them.

Other useful hints for successful projects:

- Find projects with a range of tasks which can suit members of all ages and abilities within your club. This way you can get everyone in the club engaged – if people can't do heavy work, then why not ask them to bring sausage rolls, scones and pikelets for morning tea!
- Ask potential members what kinds of projects they would like to work on – if you can get a potential member enthused about Rotary through participation in a project this is a great way to get them on board. Consider inviting potential members to the project rather than your Rotary meeting as their first introduction to Rotary.
- Partner with other Rotary Clubs and other organisations – this makes it easier to take on slightly bigger sized projects.
- Partner with people and companies who have the right skills and tools needed to make your project a success. Don't be afraid to ask – many companies are very willing to help Rotary.
- Conduct a community needs analysis – is what you're proposing to do actually what the community needs? This is essential for a large sized project but still a good idea for smaller and medium sized projects.
- Ensure the project is sustainable and can be maintained by the beneficiaries.

- Take lots of photos and videos and use these to promote your achievements.
- Be careful when calling a fundraising event a Project. Whilst fundraisers are an essential part of funding the Projects that Rotary Clubs carry out, they don't directly deliver 'service' to the community. If your club has previously been heavily involved with fundraising and giving away funds or assets to other organisations, why not try adding a hands-on project to the mix and see what the results are?
- Make use of the Rotary Foundation system of District Grants to help fund smaller sized projects. Always make sure you've got an application ready to go by the close off date of 30th September each year. Usually these grants are for up to \$2000.00, provided on a matching basis where the project size is \$4000.00 or above. For larger projects of USD\$30,000 or more consider applying for a Global Grant. We have good expertise in our District to assist with this.
- Always try and make your projects fun and the amount of work manageable. A working bee should ideally be no longer than three hours long and ensure there is a social aspect to it with morning tea or lunch involved!
- See what projects other Rotary Clubs around the world have been up to by searching the Project Showcase on https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/search_project.aspx

Why not have a discussion at your Club about what ideas people have for Community Projects and what kind of project your Club could carry out in recognition of Rotary's Centennial Year of operation in New Zealand?



Rotary Albany 100 Christmas Hamper Box Project

Last week, the team from Rotary Albany sourced, supplied and packed 100 Christmas Hamper Boxes for Salvation Army North Shore to distribute to needy families as part of Rotary Albany Centenary project celebrating 100 years of Rotary in NZ and Australia in 2021.

Club members packed 40 ladies pamper hampers, 15 men's hampers, 15 senior hampers and 30 hampers for families affected by COVID. The hamper boxes contents varied from shampoo, conditioner, towels, mugs, magazines, food items, Christmas goodies and chocolates right through to family games and small toys.

The Salvation Army distributed the hamper boxes on behalf of Rotary Albany and were very grateful to the club for their continued support.

Thanks so much to all club members and companies who donated their time and products and a very Merry Christmas to all.



Blast from the Past

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STARTED IN AUCKLAND

Born in America, the "Rotary" Club idea has arrived in Auckland, and yesterday a branch was formed of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, which embraces a membership of about 70,000 among English-speaking people. This branch was formed yesterday at a lunch attended by about fifty business men, and the first officers elected were:—President, the Hon. George Fowlds; vice-president, Mr. Charles Rhodes; hon. secretary, Mr. H. T. Merritt; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. J. Larner; directors, Professor H. W. Segar, Messrs. Charles Rhodes, H. T. Merritt, H. P. Richmond, V. J. Larner, S. Reid, and J. S. Milne. Meetings will be at a weekly luncheon for the present to be held at the Strand Cafe. Clubs have already been organised at Melbourne, Sydney, and Wellington, and the movement will be extended in Australia and New Zealand to all cities of over 10,000 population.

Mr. J. W. Davidson, of the Calgary Rotary Club (Canada), who is at present in Auckland, helped in the formation of the branch. The name of the clubs sprang from the fact that when the first was formed in Chicago, in 1905, the meetings were held in the offices of the members in rotation. The root idea of the clubs is human service and the motto is "Service above self: he profits most who serves best." The aim of the "Rotarians" is to do things, to do them willingly and unselfishly, and to fit themselves to render better service to town, province and nation.

"Photo contributions to 'Blast from the Past' can be sent to rotarynewsletter9910@gmail.com with short descriptive caption"

Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities

12 - 16 June 2021

Rotary   **TAIPEI 2021**

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>

D9910 Convention Co-ordinator
Paul Mees
mees49@gmail.com

Environment/ sustainability hint



This sustainability hint not only benefits the environment – but our health too.

Sound fancy and add 'low carbon eating' to your 2021 resolutions.

It's super easy to do – just eat more vegies, and try having a couple of meatless nights each week.

Greenhouse gas emissions from most plant based products are 10-50 times lower than most animal products.

So try this climate friendly option that benefits you too.

And remember – a salad can be more than lettuce, tomato and cheese – get creative!



Bay of Islands Hospital Garden Working Bee

Wednesday 2nd December, Bill, Chris W, Don & Liz, Roger and David beavered away to tidy up the garden outside the new Quiet Room at the Bay of Islands Hospital. This garden was originally planted by the Kawakawa Lions Club and our club helped the Lions with a big tidy-up about 15 years ago. The garden looks quite a bit neater now, complete with a freshly painted balustrade to the walkway from the Quiet Room that is now likely to be blessed at an opening ceremony early in the New Year.



South Pacific President-Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS) 2021



Note - the wonderful new SPPEDS logo was designed by D9910's Hannah Stoddart (NRG Northshore)

Registrations are now open and we invite all incoming Club Presidents to join us for the multi-district South Pacific President Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS) which will be held in Christchurch at St Margaret's College, 12 Winchester Street, Merivale, on 6-7 March 2021.

This is part 2 of your incoming President Training following on from PETS 1.

District 9910 will cover the cost of airfares to attend the event, but accommodation will need to be covered by yourself or by your club. If you do require accommodation, some rooms will be held by the District, but please contact DGE Grant Smith to reserve one of these rooms. There is limited availability of these rooms.

Please book your airfares and then send a copy of the invoice to grantsmith.rotary@gmail.com who will organise reimbursement from the District.

For those of you who were not able to attend the PETS 1 Training in November, we will offer the training again in Christchurch prior to the start of SPPEDS.

The dates are as follows:

- Friday 5 March 2021 – PETS 1
- Saturday 6 March 2021 – SPPEDS
- Sunday 7 March 2021 - SPPEDS

If you are attending PETS 1, you will need to arrive in Christchurch on Thursday night, otherwise Friday night if you are attending SPPEDS. We also plan to hold a District 9910 dinner during the weekend.

Please register ASAP for the seminar at the following link:
<https://rotaryoceania.zone/page/sppeds-homepage>

We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch.



Rotary Dargaville President's Award

Rotary Dargaville have made the \$1500 grant for possibly 10 years, seeking applicants from the two secondary schools in our area – Dargaville High School and Ruawai College. It is open to any student taking up tertiary or trades study.

There were nine applicants this year, all of whom were interviewed for a shortlist from which the final selection was made.

Initially it was called the President's Scholarship but the name was changed to Award last year.

Dargaville High School student Rebecca Froggatt headed off a talented list of applicants to win our \$1500 President's Award which will help with her accommodation expenses next year as she studies Global Studies at Auckland University, majoring in International Relations. Her ultimate goal is to work in foreign affairs, hopefully in the Diplomatic Service. She is also learning French towards this.

Introducing Rebecca prior to presentation of her award. Youth Director Mike Gardner (at right) said she interviewed extremely well and complimented DHS on the standard of its applicants.



Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill Awards



Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill's annual Haskell McKeever Walls Awards was initiated in 1992 as the Alan Haskell Memorial Education Trust in recognition of Past Governor Alan Haskell (1985/86) as a member of the Onehunga club, was active within the community and Chairperson of Onehunga High School (OHS).

His friend and fellow club member Fred McKeever established another education trust in 1998 with an investment plan and income to provide annual scholarships to the four local schools. Another club member, Dennie Walls (Walls & Roche pharmacy) donated money to be held in trust for an "Endeavour" award to be given at OHS for the student who shows great service to the school.

These three amazing Rotarians' community spirit lives on today through these awards.

Teachers from the four schools proudly presented their awardees, outlining their backgrounds and qualities which led to the recognition.

L to R: Governor Elaine; Anastasia Fa'alili (St Josephs School); Lamarr Tuineau (Onehunga Primary); Reuben Smith (OHS); Sione Tu'ifua (OHS); Amanaki Tu'uta (Onehunga Primary); Maya Edmunds (OHS); Trinity Hyndman (Oranga Primary); President Bruce Murdoch; Paw Moo (OHS); Daysharn Lawson (Te Papapa Primary)
Absent: Caprese Lafaele Diaz (Royal Oak Intermediate); Ofa Apikotoa (OHS)

Rotary New Lynn Scholar Night

This event is always one of the Rotary New Lynn highlights - Scholar evening. This is where we get to celebrate the success of students from our local secondary schools. We cover Kelston Boys and Girls colleges, Avondale College and Green Bay High School. The high quality of students is always amazing.

Over 12 awards were given out at an evening of fellowship and laughter. The evening started with finger foods and drinks and a lot of shy nervous recipients. Once the awards were handed out, the scholars relaxed and enjoyed the evening with friends and family.



A Rotary Workout

For an island surrounded by water, Rotary Nouméa Ouen Toro's support for the children's "Learn to Swim" programme is potentially life-saving.

Earlier this month the club held a 'RotaSport' day at the Forum+ Normandie Fitness Club, with four different activities on offer – RPM, Aquarobics, Yoga and Gym workout

Two New Caledonian champion athletes joined them, trail runners Leslie Nowicki and Ludovic Furcy and the New Caledonian Armed Forces supported the event by funding 80 bike tickets for the #RPM session.

The Rotary branding was evident with club members in hi-vis vests with "Rotarian en Action" and some club members even had a go at events!

A lot of sweat and hard work was spent on the day but most of all FUN.



Noël Buttin and Philippe Lefelle



Emptying Attics to Fill the Coffers

Rotary Nouméa Ducos Boulari held three successful outdoor 'garage sales' at the local racecourse this Rotary year and intends to run more in 2021.

Word has got around and the 'vide-grenier' has grown from around 40 stands at the first event to 84 at the most recent.

Thanks to the Nouméa Council and its recreation department who helped make the event happen and for promotional support from Radio Rythme Bleu, local newspaper Les Nouvelles Caledoniennes and monthly event guide, Sortir en Nouvelle-Calédonie. The funds raised will be used to finance two Snoezelen sensory stimulation rooms, one at a public psychiatric and geriatric hospital and the other at a specialist autism centre.

Snoezelen rooms are relaxing spaces that help reduce

agitation and anxiety, but they can also engage and delight the user, stimulate reactions and encourage communication.

The club needs to raise between three to four million CFP francs (NZD43,000 – 57,000) and also has a duck race fundraiser planned for next year. At each garage sale, the club had a Rotary stand where they collected donations of toys as part of their "Christmas for All" (Noël pour tous) project. The toys will be distributed to the children at Les Manguiers and the Fontrobert Kindergarten this Friday 18 December.

Les Manguiers provides support and temporary accommodation for families in need seeking help and assists them to get back on their feet.

Val-Plaisance Le vide-greniers du Rotary trouve son rythme



Le Rotary Nouméa Ducos Boulari a proposé son troisième vide-greniers à l'hippodrome, samedi matin. Avec une quarantaine de stands lors de la première édition, l'événement n'a cessé de croître et en accueille désormais 84. Les fonds serviront à financer deux salles de stimulation sensorielle Snoezelen, une au CHS à Nouville et l'autre à l'ISA au Mont-Dore. Outre les vide-greniers, qui reprendront l'année prochaine, le club a d'autres projets afin de récolter la somme nécessaire, entre trois et quatre millions de francs. Le prochain, pour le moins original, est prévu en mars. Il s'agit d'une course de canards qui devrait se dérouler sur la Coulée. Le Rotary Nouméa Ducos Boulari organise aussi une collecte de jouets pour Noël. Cette année, ils seront distribués aux enfants du centre d'hébergement Les Manguiers et à ceux de l'école Fontrobert de Logicoop.



Here's a fun way to support HeartKids

Every Rotary Club works to have at least one major annual fundraising event. For the Rotary Club of New Plymouth North this has been a mud run called the Naki Run Amuck. However, this year a combination of factors, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, prevented it from happening. This has led us to try something new: a nationwide summer charity golf challenge.

During our two best months of the summer we invite Rotarians – and all golfers for that matter – to get a team of four together, enjoy a round of golf on a favourite course, and email the results to us. At the end of the two months we'll collate all the scores, and hand out some attractive team prizes.

Importantly, a major portion of the money raised in the Summer Charity Golf Challenge will go to HeartKids, the organisation that helps the families of New Zealand babies who are born with heart defects. It's a worthwhile charity. Do you know that every week, an average of 12 New Zealand babies are born with heart defects? And that every year, at least 550 major heart surgeries are carried out on children with heart conditions?

That's why we at the Rotary Club of New Plymouth North are determined to help – and why we are asking for your help too.

All the details about the Summer Charity Golf Challenge are in the attached flyer. Help us make the event a real success not only by participating, but by passing on the information to as many golfers as possible.

Yours in Rotary

Evan Cottam
President 2020-2021
New Plymouth North Rotary

RAISING FUNDS FOR YOUR KIDS SUMMER CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE

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Every week, an average of 12 New Zealand babies are born with heart defects. And every year, at least 550 major heart surgeries are carried out on Kiwi children with heart conditions.

HeartKids is an organization that helps the families of these children. The organization's mission is to provide lifelong support to all affected by a childhood heart condition. It is the only charity in New Zealand dedicated to providing that support.

The Rotary Club of New Plymouth North invites you to support HeartKids by participating in the Summer Charity Golf Challenge 2021.



The nationwide Challenge allows you to play any course in New Zealand at any time during the summer months of January and February, and then once you have entered each player's scorecard into the Dot Golf system, email your scores to us.

THE DETAILS

Prizes to be awarded:

- 1st place – A team prize of 10% of all entry fees collected
- 2nd place – a team prize of 7.5% of all entry fees collected
- 3 spot prizes of 2.5% each of all entry fees collected.

Players must have an official golf handicap. Teams of four can be any combination of men and women. Competition is stableford with two scores to count on holes 1-6, three scores to count on holes 7-12, and all four scores to count on holes 13-18.

To enter:

- 1) email npnorthrotary@gmail.com with your team name, team members' full 7-digit club membership numbers, and a contact phone number.
- 2) Pay the team entry fee of \$100 into the following bank account using your team name as reference: Rotary Club of New Plymouth North Charitable Trust, a/c 15-3942-0889628-00. Your entry will be acknowledged by return email.

If you have any questions about the Summer Charity Golf Challenge 2021, feel free to email us any time, or call Rob on **027 467 7918**.

Help us make the Summer Charity Golf Challenge 2021 a real success by passing on this information to as many golfers as possible. Many thanks for your support of HeartKids.

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Christmas E-Card that makes a difference

We have just finalised a e-Christmas Card for RGECAF that is now on the website www.everychildafuture.com . It will direct donors through to the ROZOPS site for payments.

The idea is to encourage people to download one or more greetings cards, make a donation to our programme and send the cards on to their family members and friends, whether they are near or far away at Christmas time.

I'm thrilled that this has been designed for us with Andrew Mahoney's help.

We now face a bit of a rush to publicise it. I attach a promotional flyer that can be forwarded as widely as possible, not just to Rotarians.

We're using all possible lines of communication. The more the merrier (or hopefully the more effective!), so we'd very much appreciate every effort you can all make to pass the word around. It's better to duplicate than miss someone out entirely!



Christmas in Australia and New Zealand is coloured red and green with poinsettia, bottlebrush and pohutukawa. In the Pacific, the brilliant red flame trees mark the festive season.

As you see these bright colours and join in this time of celebration, please help Rotary Give Every Child A Future take care of children in need, not just at Christmas, but all year round.

Your Christmas gift will enable us to immunise Pacific children against life-threatening childhood diseases and protect young girls and women from cervical cancer.

Make a donation in the name of your family members or friends and send them an E-card, whether they are close to you or far away in this COVID-19 year.

[Visit our website to Buy A Christmas Card Today & Help Change A Life.](http://www.everychildafuture.com)

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